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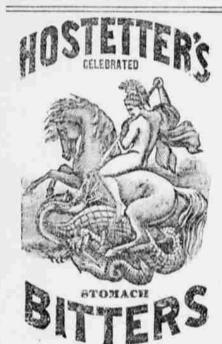
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The Lake of Como.

"The fate of things of heauty is to be-

come hackneyed. The choicest poetry and music are repeated until everybody is tired of them; the master pieces of art are vulgarized by constant reproduction, and even the beauties of Nature lose their freshness by being overrun and over praised. The lake of Como has come to be a mere by-word for beauty; it can hardly be mentioned without an apology, yet it is impossible to pass by the Helen of Italian waters in silence. Many mountains, streams, and caseades have an individuality of their own; the presence of the unseen genius loci is felt, often unconsciously, by mankind. One might suppose that this influence would be strong-

violate, among solitary peaks and pathless woods; but for me, at least, the lake of Como possesses it in the highest degree, -- a personality so distinct and feminine that a beautiful woman might be jealous of it. The charm does not lie exclusively in the scenery, but is a composite result of climate, atmosphere, cultivation, and also, in a subtle, unrecognized way, of the works of art which are scattered along its shores.

est where Nature's haunts are still in-

The lake of Como is no mountain nymph, but is like Titian's Venus lying naked on a magnificent couch with pearls braided in her hair. The sheet of water is shaped like a long fish with a cloven tail, the three

portions being of about equal size, the lower ones divided by a broad wedge of land, the base of which to the southward, is known as the Brianza, the point being the promontory of Bellagio. Each has its characteristics; the two lower bays or branches are called respectively the lakes of Leceo and Como, the latter giving its name and fame to the whole expanse. There are none of the grand and rugged features of Lago Maggiore here; the prospect is soft and alluring, embellished by two thousand years of cherishing care. The ancients were drawn hither from distant parts of Italy, and from the days of Augustus to our own, the most celebrated statesmen and men of letters have borne witness, in prose and verse, to that witchery which Ugo Foscolo

Pouring Oil upon Troubled Water.

-November Atlantic.

declared distracted him from his work.

The time is fast approaching when the now rising generation will wonder at the folly of having ever neglected such a means of salvation; for the mass of evidence on this subject which has recently accumulated has now compelled attention from the most skeptical, and the experiments so successfully carried out on the stormy coast of Aberdeenshire, at the harbor of Peterhead. have borne fruit far and near.

Some of the fishers who had witnessed them remembered them to good purpose when trying to enter the barbor at Stonehaven, and warned of their danger by the white-crested waves raging on the bar. They had with them only a little colza-oil and a little paraffine for their lamps (cegetable and mineral oils)-so little that most men would have deemed it folly to east such on the tempestnous waves. But these men had profited by their lesson. One man stood on either bow, and, just as the boat approached the raging surf, they slowly poured out their offering to the waves, which, as if by magic, ceased to break, and rolled on in harmless green billows, which carried the boat safe into port. I have also just heard from Cornwall that a party of Cornish fishers who chanced to be at Aberdeen at the time of the experiments, and there witnessed the stilling of the waves, returned to their own granite-bound coast with the conviction that they had seen something which hereafter it may be well for them to practice.

Now, thanks to the same large-hearted and energetic Scotchmen who planned and brought into practical working the oil-breakwater at Peterhead, the men of Kent can tell with wonder of its application to their own harbor at Folestone, and are eye-witnesses of how quickly, on a very stormy day, a few gallons of oil have calmed the breaking waves, and made the harbor smooth and safe. The London papers, in reporting on these experiments, have stated the general belief that, by this simple use of oil, entrance and egress to Folkestone Harbor may henceforth be made absolutely secure in the severest storms. -Popular Science Monthly, for November.

Buttered Flour.

A connecticut company makes flour all ready for baking biscuit or strawberry shortcake; it only requires to be mixed with milk or cold water and the batter is ready for the oven. The process of the manufacture is interesting. A quantity of wheat flour is sifted and dumped into a large tub. Butter cut into large cubes is added to the flour. Then the white-coated operator weighs out certain mys erious quantities of baking-soda and fine table-salt, which goes to swell the contents of the tub. Then e mixture is placed in a large, polished eask, which revolves slowly in one direction, while a sort of dasher inside moves in the opposite direction. The cask revolves about thirty minutes, at the end of which time it is opened. It is found that the ingredients have been thoroughly mixed; every particle of moisture contained in the butter has been evaporated, and the mixture is as fragrant as new-mown hay. It is then placed in bags and boxed for shipment. -Hartford Times.

Street-Car Manners.

A plump young woman stopped an uptown Third avenue car near Grand street, in New York, recently, and bounced nimbly aboard. Her hair was banged after the customary cast-iron model, and she wore the inevitable black jersey. She had a five-cent piece between her teeth, and she hugged three or four bundles with her left arm, while she reached spasmodically up to the swinging strap with her right hand. It was one of the old-style open smoking-cars. Every seat was taken, and men were standing on the forward and rear platforms. The girl lunged around. trying to keep her balance, until a sturdy and red-faced young working-man in a seat directly in front of where she stood eaught her eye. He rose, pointed to his seat, and said:

"Here, take a seat." "Don't you want it?" the girl asked, moving toward him and smiling. "Well, yes, I want it, but I'd rather you'd have it," the man said with a

"I'd rather have it myself," the girl retorted with a broad smile.

Then he took her arm, led her to the seat, and took up his place on the step of the car, where he stood in imminent danger of the wheels of passing vehicles and a prey to all the flying mud on the Bowery until he jumped off at Houston street and hurried home. He did not look at the girl once after he had given her his seat, nor she at him.

Each took it as a matter of course. It chanced that the writer was in a Sixth avenue elevated railroad train a little later in the afternoon when a pretty girl languidly entered the car at Fourteenth street. Every seat was occupied, and half a dozen weary-looking women were standing droopingly in the aisle of the car. The newcomer, very fashionably dressed, held her chin high in the air and pushed her way for-

When she came to a seat occupied by slim and retiring-looking young man. who wore the elements of a mustache and a pair of white overgaiters, she stopped. The young man glanced up. felt of his mustache, then rose awkwardly, removed his hat with an awkward dip, and splurted:

"P-pray take my seat." She never glanced at him, but inclined her had slightly, sunk into the seat, folded her hands, crossed one foot over the other, so as to show a neat shoe, and looked casually about the ear. The young man struck an attitude, stared down at her, and toyed with his rudimentary mustache. He kept it up until the train arrived at Fiftieth street. but, though he stared persistently, he was not rewarded with a single glance. As the train moved away from the station he could be seen looking after it covertly.

Best Man For the Place.

It was customary at one time in Georgia for magistrates assembled in moram courts to fill vacancies among Justices of the Peace during the recess of the Legislature. The muster bounds were then called company beats. On one occasion a vacancy happened in the City mills.... magistrates in the beat of Captain Waters. An upright, honest, robust, athletic Irishmen named Yeet was a candidate for the vacancy, and, he being a rentleman accustomed to giving his friends a tapping on the head on all oceasions when they opposed him, he was advised to attend the court. He did so and so secured the favor of two of the five justices. Toward the close of the day and as Saturday night drew on one of his friends said: "Oh. there is a vacancy in Captain Waters' beat; whom shall we appoint?" His other friend immediately answered: Sure, and yonder is Mr. Yeet, who lives there; he can recommend some

Yeet was, therefore, called up and asked if he knew any man on the beat whom he could recommend to fill the vacancy in the Justices of the Peace. Yeet responded: "May it please yer Honors, I've lived in that same bate these fifteen years, and know every man, woman and child who iver lived there; but now I'll spake to yer Honors just as if I wasn't here at all, and didn't know anything inreference to it, and divil a fitiner man in the whole bate than myself for the place."-One of General Houston's Speeches.

"Old Rosey."

Gen. Rosecrans, "Old Rosey," is as hale and hearty now at 65 as he was twenty years ago. He has the same fondness for general conversation, and continues to look on the bright side of everything. The general tells of a single soldier capturing Fort Sumter, or at least a piece of it. The battered old fort was in possession of the confederates, and one night a union soldier of the force that was holding Morris island said he believed he would take a skiff and pull over to Sumter and get a brick for a relic. He had been hitting the commissary bottle pretty frequently, and was in a condition to do anything. Taking an old water-log-ged skiff he pulled out, and was lost in the darkness. It was a long way, and he was beginning to think himself gone up, when he suddenly entered under the shadows of the walls, and heard click, click, "Who goes there?" Standing up as well as he could in the boat, he threw up both hands and cried: Yank!"

"What do you want, yank?" "Want one o' them bricks." "You got one in your hat now," "You bet I have, but I want an-

other. "All right; come ashore and get one."

He landed, walked up a short distance, and, sobered up by this time, took the first brick he found, and started back in quick order for the boat. "Say, Yank, are all you uns drunk

over there?" "Pretty much; how is it with you?" "Some of us air, an' some of us ain't. Good night, Yank."

"Good night, Johnnie." "That man," continued the general, with a quiet twinkle in his eyes, "that man, if he is alive to-day and has the FURS. brisk imagination of some men I know, ed." - Cincinnat Enquirer.

The Market

MONDAY EVENING, December 29, 1884. The weather is terrible and has been for three days past. The mercury in a few hours jumped from ten above zero to fifty; the sun has refused to shine since Thursday, and it has rained untiringly up to the present writing.

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OATS-The market is well supplied and demand fair.

MEAL-Dull and quiet. BRAN-In fair demand and firm at 75c. BUTTER-Plenty and dull; only strictly choice will sell.

EGGS-Market is over-stocked and duil, with buyers and sellers apart.

CHICKENS -All kinds are overstocked and dead dull. TURKEYS-The market is overstocked

for the weather, and shaky. GEESE-Hard to sell; like all other poultry, they are over-stocked and dull at \$3.50@\$4.00.

APPLES-Steady and unchanged.

GAME-Overstocked and dull. Rabbits are not wanted and everything else must go at a great decline.

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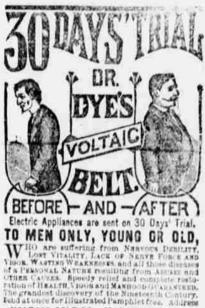
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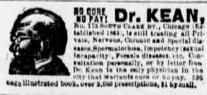
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